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REFORMS SUGGESTED IN STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Last of a Series of Articles Dealing With Local Interests.

4 UNIVERSITY CREDITS

In concluding this series of articles dealing with student interests at George Washington, we wish to lay before the faculty and student body a plan which has been adopted in two of the large Universities in the East and which seems to point the way toward a final solution of the various questions arising in student affairs. This plan is presented only in a crude state, but the influence it will have upon the student body can readily be seen.

The suggestion, in its simplest form, is to allow credit to each student for work in college activities; i. e., to prepare a schedule of points which each office, such as a manager or member of an athletic team, the editor of a publication, etc., will entitle its holder to add to his total of credits obtained from the studies he is pursuing. Necessarily the value of activity of that kind as compared with credits from courses would be small, but whether great or little, the incentive offered would far outweigh any technical objections to the spirit of the idea. If a debater realized that by making the team he would receive 1-2 a point on his degree, if the athletic man knew that the awarding of his letter gave him 1 or more points, if the student of literary tendency learned that success in collegiate journalism meant assistance toward his diploma, the support these various interests receive, in our opinion, would increase a thousand fold.

There must be, in all activities, a reward, commensurate with the in-

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COMMENCEMENT ISSUE---PLACE ORDER NOW

The next and last issue of the HATCHET for the year 1909-10, will be published Wednesday, June 8th, completing the 28 numbers. This issue will be in the form of a Commencement Number, containing the names of all graduating students, the list of prize winners, the President's address, and a complete account of the various activities of Commencement Week. As a souvenir of the occasion, it will stand unique in the history of student publications.

Copies will be sold at the regular price of 10 cents each, at the close of the exercises at the Belasco Theater. Only a limited number will be published so that those desiring to purchase same will find it advisable to order at once.

NEEDHAM TRIUMPHS

Wins Two out of Three Inter-Society Debates

The third inter-society debate of the season, between the Columbian and Needham Debating Societies, held last Saturday evening, in the Assembly Hall, resulted in a victory for the Needham Society, which was represented by Messrs. Oren, Bradley and Thompson. Winning two out of three debates held, the Needham Society gains the championship for the year.

The question dealt with the adoption of an income tax by the Federal Government. The Needham Society upheld the affirmative, maintaining that such a tax was necessary in order to meet the ever-increasing deficit in the Treasury and in order to more equally distribute the burden among those who are better able to bear it. The Columbian Society, represented by Messrs. Kitselman, Cohen and Rogers, opposed the measure, contending that it was unconstitutional, unjust and inexpedient. The debate was a hard-fought one on both sides and necessitated a deliberation of twenty minutes on the part of the judges—Professors Lorenzen, Willis and Peake—who finally returned their verdict in fa-

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HONOR SYSTEM DISCUSSED

Adopted by some and Rejected by Others at Meeting

All classes throughout the University were suspended last Wednesday at 4.50 to allow students in the various departments to vote upon the Honor System as submitted by the President's Council, and published in the HATCHET.

Reports from all departments have not been received but it was learned that the Woman's College, Columbian College, and Law had approved and Engineering, Architecture, and Medical had rejected. In the latter the vote was 28 to 16, lacking a bare two to pass.

The discussion throughout the University was strong, the main objection seeming to be in regard to the clause requiring the student to pledge himself to report any infraction of the rules he might witness. This, of course, was the whole crux of the matter, for without it the system of student self-government would be impossible.

In the College Department the following committee was elected: David R. Covell, chairman; Tucker, Ryan, Maxcy, Earle and Smith.

The results of the voting were a

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Unless unforeseen difficulties arise, the Cherry Tree will be put on sale about May 10. The date has been purposely set later this year by the management in order to turn out a good book and to make it as complete as possible.

It has been the constant endeavor of the editors to produce an annual that would reflect dignity and credit upon the University at large. In this endeavor no detail has been overlooked. The material makeup of the book cannot be surpassed. The best printers and binders that could be found have been secured and the paper and cuts used are of the finest quality, the latter being made by the Electric City Engraving Company, of Buffalo, which firm has a world wide reputation.

Dedicated to Dean Vance

The book will be bound in blue English cloth, imported specially, and the cover will bear the impression of an open book, with a cherry tree background set in gold. It will contain 325 pages of interesting matter about the various departments, classes, clubs, fraternities, athletics, etc. The book will be dedicated to Dean Vance, of the Law School, who will leave the University at the close of the present year, to accept a chair at Yale, and will contain his photogravure, bearing his personal signature.

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introductory to the class write-ups. The pictures of the seniors will be oval in shape and surrounded by artistic scroll work, while the fraternity groups will be surrounded by a border equally artistic in design. The staff artist, Mr. Mead Bolton, with others, including Miss Smallwood, Carl Butman, W. T. Conboye, Alfred G. Seiler, and Frank Godwin, artist for the *Star*, have made many fine drawings, which will appear in different sections of the book. On the whole it is believed that, so far as dignity, quality, and attractiveness are concerned, this edition will surpass all others.

Number of Copies Limited

On account of the high price being paid for the book, only a limited number of copies will be printed as the management does not care to face a deficit. To the regular subscription list, about twenty-five copies will be added, and any student who has not subscribed and is not one of the fortunate twenty-five, will have to be content without one. Therefore, to be sure of getting your copy you should subscribe at once. This can be done by simply mailing a postal addressed to *The Cherry Tree*, The George Washington University, stating that you desire a copy of the book. No student need feel that in subscribing for the book he will not get full value for his money, because the printing and binding alone cost the management \$2.67.

Editors to be Elected

All applications for the positions of Editor-in-Chief and Business Manager of the "Cherry-Tree" must be in the hands of Mr. Frank F. Ford, president of the association of class presidents not later than May 10th. These positions carry with them tuition for the year and whatever profit results from the publication of the book.

Applications can be dropped in the various "Hatchet Boxes" in the departments, or mailed to Mr. Ford, 26 Iowa Circle.

NEEDHAM TRIUMPHS

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vor of the affirmative, awarding the honors to Messrs. Thompson and Cohen. The two honor men selected, together with the four others chosen in the two former debates, will participate in the annual prize debate which takes place during commencement week.

Dean Vance presided and a number of vocal selections were excellently rendered by Miss Dora Steerman.

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The cast of characters follows:

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C. B. Keiser
 Frauline Ernestine Lipp.....
R. B. Blackley
 Miss Edith Edgerton.....
Roswell Dague
 Monsieur Pierre Cossivant.....
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Kilbourne Gordon
 "Art" Sutton, Winston '09.....
Jesse D. Browne
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ALUMNI NEWS

Dr. Carroll Successful in Forming Associations

Prof. Mitchell Carroll has just returned from an extensive lecture tour to the Far West, in behalf of the Archaeological Institute of America, for which the University authorities gave him a leave of absence. In addition to lecturing for the Institute, Professor Carroll, at the request of President Needham and the officers of the General Alumni Association, met with the G. W. U. Alumni, in Denver, Salt Lake City, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland, Seattle, Spokane, St. Paul, and Minneapolis. The Alumni at Denver, Salt Lake City and Seattle had already organized local branches and as a result of Dr. Carroll's trip there are now organizations in all the cities mentioned, the officers of which are named below. The alumni arranged dinners or luncheons to give the men opportunity to meet Dr. Carroll, and the display of University spirit on these occasions was fine. The loyalty and devotion of the alumni indicate what an effective force they can become in the work of the University, when alumni representation on the Board of Trustees, already authorized, becomes a reality, and the work of organizing the alumni throughout the country is completed.

The list of local alumni branches in the Western States follows:

1. *Colorado*: President, C. A. Brandenburg; Secretary, Paul M. Clark.
2. *Salt Lake City*: President, Dr. Wm. P. Beer; Secretary, Cuthbert L. Alsen.

3. *Puget Sound*: President, Judge H. T. Garretson; Secretary, John Arthur.
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6. *Portland*: President, H. A. Conrad; Secretary, H. L. Forred.
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8. *Minneapolis*: President, Edmunds S. Durment; Secretaries, F. G. Stultz, St. Paul; C. S. Albert, Minneapolis.

Law Note

Bearing the signs of rapid travel, a student made his way to the second floor about 10.55 last Thursday. As soon as the bell rang, the dismissed classes gathered in the hall and one of his friends greeting him heartily, exclaimed, "Why, hello, H—, when did you return? Thought you intended to stay over until tonight?"

"So I did," answered H—, "but I didn't want to miss quasi-contracts. Got up a 2 a. m. to catch the train and haven't had my breakfast yet!"

"Quasi-contracts," yelled his friend. "Why, old man, that does not come off until Friday!"

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THURSDAY, MAY 5, 1910

The action of President Needham in presenting his resignation to the Board of Trustees, early last week was a distinct shock to the University. The strong fight which the University has been waging, under his leadership, has gained for him the respect and admiration of every loyal alumnus and student; and the purpose underlying his resignation has served only to accentuate the noble self-sacrifice which has marked his entire conduct during this period.

The work which he has done will live after him; the remarkable advance which George Washington has made during the last seven years in educational and national reputation will stand as an enduring tribute to the man, who by his energy and activity has made it possible.

We take pleasure in announcing the appointment of Mr. G. E. Rowland, of the Law Department, to the editorial staff of the HATCHET.

The 28th and final issue of the HATCHET for the present scholastic year will appear June the 8th, in the form of a Commencement Issue. No issues will be published between the current number and that period. In presenting a Commencement Number, the HATCHET is making a departure from the custom of previous years; but we feel that a true history of George Washington

which the present volume of the HATCHET is supposed to cover, would be incomplete did it not include an account of the closing exercises.

To our present subscribers who do not intend to remain in the city until that date, we suggest that the new address be forwarded, as soon as possible, to the editor. We shall make every endeavor to provide that the final number reaches the correct destination, and shall personally oversee the mailing of the same.

INTER-FRATERNITY SHOOT

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GENTLEMEN:

The second annual inter-fraternity rifle match, for the Carmody Cup, will be held Wednesday night, May 11.

This match will be open for teams of four active men from the local chapters of any fraternity represented at George Washington University. Each man will have two sighting shots and ten shots, for record from the standing position. The range will be fifty feet and the target will be the National Rifle Association target, counting from one to ten. The 22 calibre Springfield rifle, and ammunition, will be furnished for the match by the Rifle Club. The entrance fee is \$1.00 per team.

A handsome silver cup, donated by J. D. Carmody, will be given to the winning team for one year, and the insignia of the fraternity engraved upon it. The cup must remain in competition at least three years and will become the permanent property of the fraternity winning it twice, not necessarily in succession.

The Rifle Club desires to make this competition one of the feature inter-fraternity events of the college year and for this reason you are urged to make a special effort to enter a team. The range of the Rifle Club at 1528 I Street, will be open to the individual fraternities for practice until May. Nights can be assigned to each competing fraternity on which it will be given exclusive use of the range in order to try out its available men. It is suggested that if your fraternity desires to take advantage of this opportunity for friendly competition, that you will appoint a manager to communicate immediately with the undersigned. All applications for the use of the range on certain nights will be met as far as possible.

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POLITICAL SCIENCES.

In a recent address before the Daughters of the American Revolution, ex-Commissioner Macfarland took the opportunity of paying his respects to our department. He said that the Department of Political Sciences has readily gained for itself a noteworthy place in the University and is consistently and assuredly progressing toward the high goal which has been set for it—that of furnishing to the nation's capital a training school for the United States consular service.

As a striking testimony in confirmation of Mr. Macfarland's good opinions, is the result of the recent consular examinations for "student interpreters." Of the eleven young men who competed

in this examination, four were from our department. Only seven of these entrants passed the test, but our four representatives were among them, namely, Messrs. Bader, Chesbrough, Josselyn and Morris.

At our departmental building at 810 Fifteenth St. there is the sound of mighty preparations. The floors shake, the plaster groans in protest, hammers resound through our ancient halls from morn to night, for—we are soon to be resplendent in new electric lights, in place of the unsatisfactory gas mantels. Come see us when we have finished Spring housecleaning!

We are glad to announce that Dean McBain has returned to his fold, after successfully wrestling with appendicitis. But it is darkly rumored (and, oh, the futility of rescuing some men) that he no more than escapes from one danger than he voluntarily assumes a greater risk—he has become engaged. "Out of the frying-pan into the fire."

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EXCHANGE NEWS.

"In Germ Land," a playlet based on germs, was presented by the girls of the bacteriology department at Wisconsin in appropriate costume.

The Alumni of Central High School of the District are publishing a quarterly containing alumni news.

California debaters overcame Leeland Stanford on the subject "Resolved, That Woman should be given the right of suffrage."

Norman Hapgood, Editor of Col-

lier's, delivered a lecture on the present industrial era at Yale.

The University of Washington is making strenuous efforts to send a crew to Madison.

Statistics compiled at Yale show that 1,450 students are taking part in the different forms of athletic work.

A collegiate journalistic fraternity has been formed at Syracuse, and several western universities are endeavoring to affiliate. We expect daily to hear of a janitor's fraternity established at some enterprising college. That seems to be the only vocation non-fraternized.

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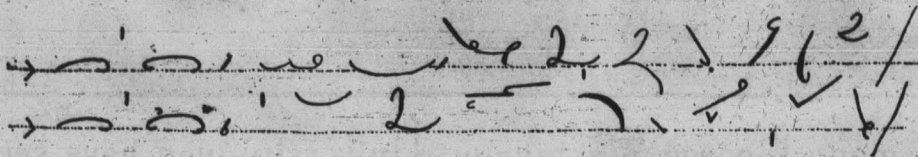
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